



**REDACTED FOR
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE**

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

United States of America,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Tasheena Sonja Preston,

Defendant.

No. CR-18-08240-PCT-DLR (MHB)

INDICTMENT

VIO: 18 U.S.C. §§ 1153 and 1111
(CIR - First Degree Murder)
Count 1

18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A) and (j)
(Discharging a Firearm During a
Crime of Violence Resulting in
Death)
Counts 2 and 4

18 U.S.C. §§ 1153 and 2111
(CIR - Robbery)
Count 3

18 U.S.C. §§ 1153 and 1111
(CIR - Felony Murder)
Count 5)

21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) and
(b)(1)(D)
(Possession With Intent to
Distribute Marijuana)
Count 6

18 U.S.C. § 924(d) and
28 U.S.C. § 2461(c)
(Forfeiture Allegation)

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

COUNT 1

On or about May 18, 2017, in the District of Arizona and within the confines of the Navajo Nation Indian Reservation, Indian Country, defendant, TASHEENA SONJA PRESTON, an Indian, did with premeditation and malice aforethought, unlawfully kill

1 W.J.

2 In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1153 and 1111.

3 **COUNT 2**

4 On or about May 18, 2017, in the District of Arizona, defendant, TASHEENA
5 SONJA PRESTON, did knowingly use, carry, brandish and discharge a firearm during and
6 in relation to a crime of violence or did knowingly possess, brandish and discharge a
7 firearm, that is a shotgun in furtherance of a crime of violence, that is First Degree Murder
8 as alleged in Count 1, a felony crime prosecutable in a Court of the United States and the
9 use of such firearm caused the death of W.J.

10 In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A) and (j).

11 **COUNT 3**

12 On or about May 18, 2017, in the District of Arizona, within the confines of the
13 Navajo Nation Indian Reservation, Indian Country, defendant, TASHEENA SONJA
14 PRESTON, an Indian, did by force, violence or intimidation take or attempt to take a
15 blanket and DVDs, a thing of value, from the person or presence of the victim, W.J.

16 In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1153 and 2111.

17 **COUNT 4**

18 On or about May 18, 2017, in the District of Arizona, defendant, TASHEENA
19 SONJA PRESTON, did knowingly use, carry, brandish and discharge a firearm during and
20 in relation to a crime of violence or did knowingly possess, brandish and discharge a
21 firearm, that is a shotgun in furtherance of a crime of violence, that is Robbery as alleged
22 in Count 3, a felony crime prosecutable in a Court of the United States and the use of such
23 firearm caused the death of W.J.

24 In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A) and (j).

25 **COUNT 5**

26 On or about May 18, 2017, in the District of Arizona and within the confines of the
27 Navajo Nation Indian Reservation, Indian Country, defendant, TASHEENA SONJA
28 PRESTON, an Indian, did with malice aforethought, and in perpetration of a felony, that

1 is, Robbery, unlawfully kill W.J.

2 In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1153 and 1111.

3 **COUNT 6**

4 On or about May 18, 2017, in the District of Arizona, defendant, TASHEENA
5 SONJA PRESTON knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute a
6 mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of marijuana, a Schedule I controlled
7 substance.

8 In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(D).

9 **FORFEITURE ALLEGATION**

10 The Grand Jury realleges and incorporates the allegations of Counts 1 through 6 of
11 this Indictment, which are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

12 Pursuant to Title 18 United States Code, Section 924(d) and Title 28, United States
13 Code, Section 2461(c), and upon conviction of one or more of the offenses alleged in
14 Counts 1 through 6 of this Indictment, the defendant(s) shall forfeit to the United States of
15 America all right, title, and interest in

16 (a) any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds the persons obtained, directly
17 or indirectly, as the result of the offense, and (b) any property used, or intended to be used,
18 in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of such offense, including,
19 but not limited to the following involved and used in the offense:

20 (1) Nine rounds of Remington .22 caliber bullets;

21 (2) Two spent 12 gauge shotgun shell casings; and

22 (3) One live Federal 12 gauge shotgun shell, three .22 caliber bullets, four .22 caliber
23 bullet casings.

24 If any of the above-described forfeitable property, as a result of any act or omission
25 of the defendant(s):

26 (1) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence,

27 (2) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party,

28 (3) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court,

1 (4) has been substantially diminished in value, or

2 (5) has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without
3 difficulty, it is the intent of the United States to seek forfeiture of any other property of said
4 defendant(s) up to the value of the above-described forfeitable property, pursuant to Title
5 21, United States Code, Section 853(p).

6 All in accordance with Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d) and Title 28,
7 United States Code, Section 2461(c), and Rule 32.2, Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

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9 A TRUE BILL

10 s/
11 FOREPERSON OF THE GRAND JURY
12 Date: July 3, 2018

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